

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 7 are pending in the case. Claim 1 is the sole independent claim.

This Request for Continued Examination is filed, under 37 CFR §1.114, pursuant to the Interview of April 12, 2005 among Applicants' representatives and Examiners Desanto and Mendez, to allow consideration of claims in which the reservoir is positively recited as an element of the drive assembly as the only element of the drive assembly which is capable of retaining a liquid.

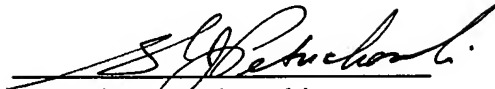
It is hoped that the present amendment will resolve any impasse occasioned by a notion that the previously claimed "barrel for holding a reservoir, the reservoir for containing a fluid, the barrel characterized by a longitudinal barrel axis of rotation and a clearance hole in a barrel end" could be anticipated by syringe structures in the cited references that appear to hold fluid, that lack clearance holes in their ends, and that are incapable of holding solid reservoir structures.

Claims 1-5 remain rejected, as they were in the prior office action, for anticipation by Shearn and by Srisathapat et al., under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and 35 U.S.C. §102(b), respectively. Claim 7 remains objected to as depending from a rejected claim. All pending claims still require a barrel with "a clearance hole in a barrel end," so that a reservoir that contains liquid can be inserted into the barrel. The cited prior art lacks such a barrel.

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims 1-5 and 7, and a notice of allowance.

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